

Millions Are Invested In Modern Apartment Houses In El Paso; Many New Structures Being Constructed

APARTMENTS are the modern way of living in the southwest, judging from the number of new apartments which have been built in El Paso during the past year. West Missouri has become known as the apartment house street. North Stanton street, Montana, Arizona and Boulevard are also acquiring apartment houses until the city is now dotted with splendid buildings, representing investments aggregating millions and containing apartments of from two to five rooms each, where housekeeping may be done and all of the conveniences of a modern hotel obtained.

To Build \$50,000 Addition. Plans are now being drawn by H. M. Beutell for a five story addition to the new Stein apartment on Kansas street which is just being completed. The new addition will cost \$50,000 and will make the total cost of the Stein apartments \$85,000. The first wing of the Stein apartment was built facing Missouri street and contained 19 apartments, was three stories high and cost \$35,000. Before the apartments were completed, J. J. H. Stein, the owner, decided to have sketches drawn for the additional five story wing which will face on Kansas street. This will cost \$50,000 and will be fireproof in construction.

It will have two room apartments with bath, dressing rooms, kitchen and elevator service throughout. The new wing will have 29 apartments, making a total of 48 apartments for the entire building.

Wright Apartments Cost \$40,000. The Wright apartments on the corner of Montana and Stanton street have also been completed during the year, at a cost of \$40,000. It contains 21 apartments, is furnished throughout and is fitted for light housekeeping rooms.

Completing \$40,000 Structure. The Ramsey apartments on West Missouri street are just being completed at a cost of \$40,000. They contain 26 apartments. The apartment house is in mission design, with towers and galleries on the Missouri street side. The apartment house was erected by the Fisk-Ramsey company, which also completed an addition to the Fisk apartments, adjoining the Ramsey, which cost \$25,000 and which gave an additional space for 16 new apartments in the Fisk.

Plans \$50,000 Building. A holding company is having plans drawn by O. H. Thorman for a \$50,000 apartment house on North Oregon street, adjoining the Alexandria apartments. This apartment house will

have 16 apartments, will be three stories high and will be of brick construction.

Big Apartments Under Construction. C. S. Pickrell is constructing a large apartment building on San Antonio street and Cotton avenue to contain 26 apartments and which will cost \$32,000. The plans were drawn by the Perry-Kirkpatrick Realty company and one of the features of the apartment will be a 40 foot court in the center with a pergola running through the center of it.

The Lambeth apartments on Upson avenue are being completed at a cost of \$25,000. They are modern apartments and are being erected by the Perry-Kirkpatrick company for W. E. Lambeth.

E. A. Booth is erecting a \$21,000 apartment house on North Santa Fe street with a frontage of 75 feet on Santa Fe. There will be 28 apartments in this structure and it will be built of brick.

S. J. Fennell is also building an apartment house adjoining the Booth apartments to cost \$15,000. These apartments will have a frontage of 25 feet on Santa Fe street and are being built by the White-Paden Realty company.

Mrs. Minnie G. Nagley has completed

NEW EL PASO APARTMENTS



Ramsey Apartments on West Missouri street.



Rio Grande Apartments, Rio Grande street.



Nagley Apartments, Arizona street.



"The Montana," built by Dr. Burleson Staten on Montana.

EL PASO, besides being a city of beautiful homes, is essentially a city of modern apartment houses. Those shown above are but a few of those completed since the first of the year. Several others are now under way or have been completed and last year witnessed the completion of a large number. West Missouri street is almost exclusively an apartment house street, while apartments have been built or are being constructed on many other close-in and fashionable streets. All are modern.

a beautiful apartment house on Arizona street at a cost of \$25,000, the building containing 16 apartments. It has steam heat, hot and cold water, and other modern conveniences.

Grambling and Croon are building an apartment house on Mesa and California streets to cost \$27,000, which will contain 12 apartments. It is being built by C. W. Croon and A. R. Grambling.

The Roberts-Banner apartment house is being completed on Rio Grande street at a cost of \$27,000 and will be one of the model apartment house buildings in the city.

Dr. Burleson Staten has completed the Montana apartments facing Sam Houston square on Montana street. These apartments cost \$18,000 and include eight large apartment suites.

The Lake House has been completed on West Missouri street during the present year at a cost of \$15,000. It has 40 rooms and is a modern residence district hotel.

Texas Tavern a New One. The Texas Tavern is another new hotel on Missouri street, being built by D. C. Seaman at a cost of \$25,000 and will be equipped as a modern hotel with showers and tub baths, a lobby in marble and tile and a telephone service, elevator service, and other conveniences of a modern hotel.

Capt. H. E. Hillebrand is planning to erect a \$20,000 apartment house adjoining his home on West Missouri street, just west of Stanton street. This will be of brick and stone construction and will be completed this fall.

Building Another Apartment. Mrs. Margaret Booth is also building an apartment adjoining the Wyoming, which she recently erected on the corner of Wyoming and Stanton streets. This will adjoin the Wyoming and with this apartment building will represent an investment of \$40,000.

Mrs. Alva Howell is building a 10-apartment building on West Missouri street to cost \$15,000.

J. W. Phillips is having plans drawn by O. H. Thorman for a \$40,000 apartment building on Magoffin avenue and Brown streets. It will have 12 apartments and will be of brick construction.

W. R. Britt is building an apartment building on West Main street to cost \$10,000 and which will be four stories in height.

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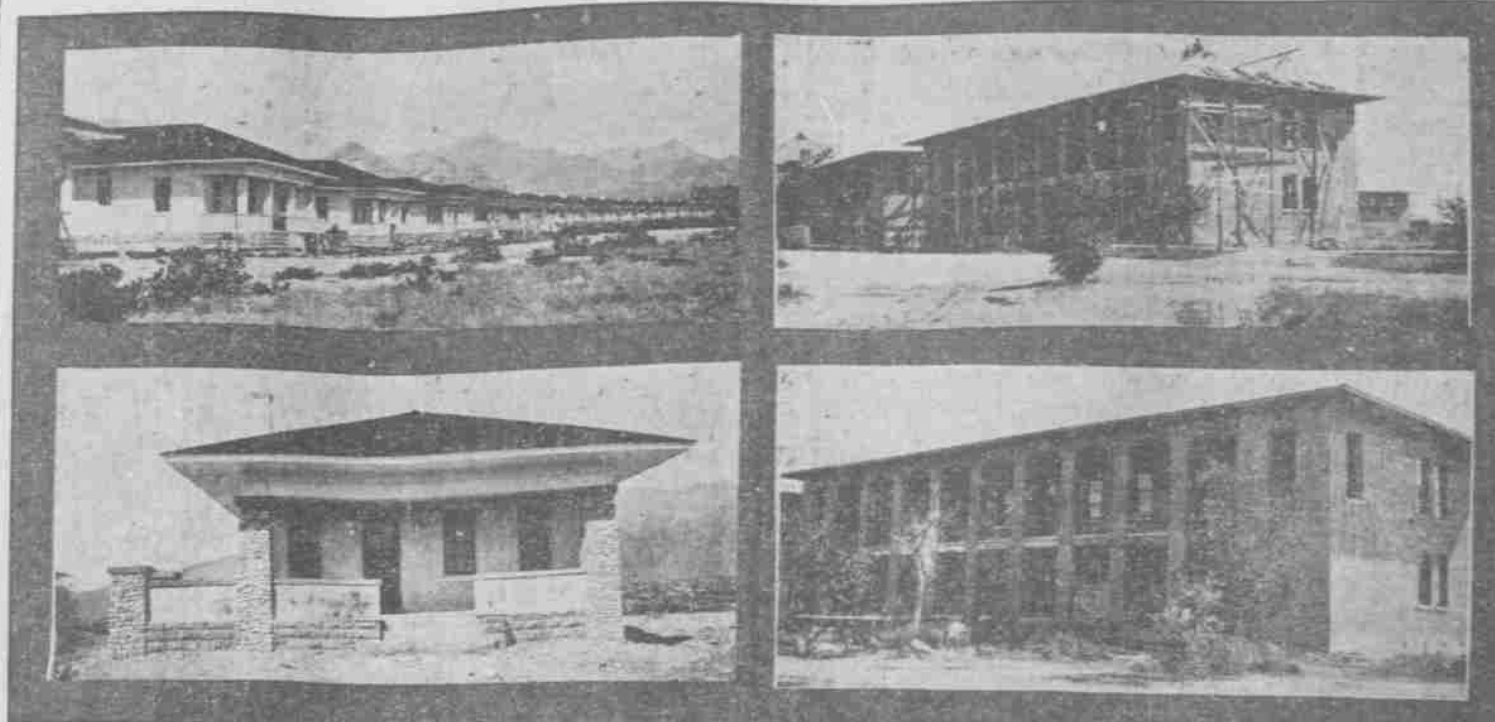
dances, roof garden parties, dinner parties and afternoon teas. This has been a development of the past two years and one that is much appreciated, especially by the transient population who would not have any other chance to meet El Pasoans socially.

Much Fraternal Social Activity. The Masonic temple, with its fine dancing floor, its lounging rooms and library, is an ideal place for the holding of Shrine balls and other Masonic affairs. The club has been in its new quarters more than a year now and the temple is rapidly becoming the social center for the Masonic members.

The Elks, Moose, Eagles and other fraternal organizations also have their social life, which is a part of the city's social enjoyment. In addition to these fraternities, there are a large number of clubs, lodges and fraternal orders who have regular monthly entertainments and whose members participate in the social life of their organizations.

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CONSTRUCTION WORK AT FT. BLISS, TEXAS



The two pictures on the left show the bungalows being constructed as officers' quarters at Fort Bliss. The pictures on the right show three of the eight barracks now being built. The post is being enlarged to three times its former size.

Soldiers Bring \$6,000,000 To El Paso

Border Troops Prove Source of Financial Profit to the City.

UNCLE SAM has spent more than \$6,000,000 on his border army during the past year. Practically all of this was disbursed from El Paso and Fort Bliss, and found its way into the tills of the El Paso merchants, supply men and wholesale houses.

There are approximately 5000 troops encamped at Fort Bliss. In Camp Cotton and along the border east and west of El Paso, but all contributing directly to El Paso's prosperity.

El Paso the Central Point. This great army of khaki clad soldiers have been on the border for more than six months and a part of the force for three years. Recognizing its strategic value, because of the Mexican revolution, congress has ordered Fort Bliss enlarged from a battalion to a regimental post, has established a quartermaster depot here to supply the entire border patrol with food, forage and supplies and has sent troops to this point from the Presidio in San Francisco and from the barracks of the interior. The troops are commanded by Brig. Gen. John J. Pershing.

There are three regiments of infantry camped in El Paso or reporting to the brigade headquarters. These are the 10th, 16th and 4th infantry regiments. There is a regiment of

cavalry occupying the Fort Bliss barracks. This is the 15th, which has a portion of its command patrolling along the Rio Grande. The 15th cavalry is encamped at Washington park and at Columbus, N. M. on the border, a signal corps company has its headquarters at Fort Bliss and the quartermaster's depot is located in the city, in command of Capt. William E. Hunt. The 9th and 10th cavalry regiments are stationed on or near the border west of El Paso and there is a continuous line of troops extending along the entire Mexican border. There are also three batteries of the 5th field artillery at Fort Bliss.

Post Is Being Enlarged. The enlargement of Fort Bliss to be a regimental post is progressing rapidly and many of the new quarters are ready to be occupied. The total cost of construction work at the post including the additional work that has been done on the target range, amounts to \$402,751.

The buildings included in this authorization by the war department are 19 sets of captain's quarters, all built as bungalows with plaster finish and of modern design; six lieutenant's quarters of similar design; nine barracks buildings of brick; five mess halls, one non-commissioned officers' quarters; 16 stables, additions to the electric light plant, waterworks and sewer system at the fort. The accounts of the quartermaster's office show that \$242,311.48 has been paid out for this construction work. Contracts are also to be let for paving the Fort Bliss reservation with concrete, the construction of walks and curbs and

other improvements made necessary by the enlargement of the post.

More Than \$1,000,000 for Supplies. Supplies for this big army on the border amounted to \$1,123,111.85 during the past year as shown by Capt. Hunt's quartermaster records. This includes supplies for all troops along the Mexican border and the Fort Winch federal prisoners. These expenditures by months for the year ending July 31, are:


Month	Year	Amount
August	1913	\$ 47,585.51
September	1913	25,594.25
October	1913	54,591.80
November	1913	41,592.22
December	1913	81,225.71
January	1914	101,028.89
February	1914	55,263.87
March	1914	112,337.70
April	1914	109,332.88
May	1914	120,365.04
June	1914	151,365.48
July	1914	201,733.52
		\$1,123,111.85

Spends \$250,000 in Salary Monthly. Disbursements for the pay of the troops and officers along the border

average \$150,000 a month. Practically all of this pay is expended in El Paso, as little is sent out of the city and the merchants receive the benefit of the money paid by the United States to its troops. This amount does not include the pay of the troops stationed in the Fort Bliss barracks, as they are paid by Capt. A. E. Watts, post quartermaster. This additional pay amounts to \$100,000 each month; and is added to the total amount spent in El Paso each pay day.

The supplies for the fort are also purchased by Capt. Watts independent of the quartermaster's depot and amounts to \$100,000, which should be added to the total amount expended for supplies. In addition to the purchases made by the two quartermasters, each army organization maintains a mess and post exchange, which buy large quantities of supplies from the El Paso merchants.

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